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Claim 20 (Amended).

A method for identifying and providing modulators of G-protein mediated signal transduction comprising contacting a cell which contains a growth-factor receptor capable of being activated with a test compound suspected to be a modulator of G-protein mediated signal transduction and determining the degree of growth-factor receptor activation, wherein activation of the growth-factor receptor is mediated by its extracellular domain.

REMARKS


Claims 1-20 are pending. Claims 1 and 20 have been amended. Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for his assistance in working towards allowance of the claimed invention. Applicants understand from the telephone discussions of February 8, 2001 and March 6, 2001 between the Examiner and Counsel that at least claims 1 and 20 are considered allowable upon entry of the amendments contained herein. It is also understood that the Examiner will discuss with Counsel any concerns regarding the remaining claims and work towards allowance of such claims before the issuance of any official action.

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